



COLLINS RADIO "BRAIN TRUST" IN THE 1960s and 1970s

Front, L to R: Bob Craiglow, Russ Hanson, Les Myers, Ward Sparks

Back, L to R: Don Moody, Dave Hallock, Steve F. Russell, Darrell Hennessy

Bob Craiglow was a technical genius for Eldon Anderson's department at Collins Radio. Bob worked on all the difficult problems and contributed many creative ideas to the company. I've known Bob for many years and discussed technical issues with him, went cave crawling with him and his son, and went to his retirement party in the 1980s while I was on the faculty at Iowa State university.

Russ Hanson was in Dave Hallock's group with me. I had a lot of fun times working with Russ and joking around. He left Cedar Rapids for Florida to work on the new Collins General Aviation line of equipment. He taught me a lot about circuit design and how to make design innovations.

Les Myers was a lab tech for our group and was always making and telling jokes.

Ward Sparks was a member of our group. He and I were among the few remaining young Turks left during the massive layoffs of 1970.

Don Moody was a software manager at Collins and was a pro football fanatic as was I, in the early 1970s.

Dave Hallock was the group head for the receiver front_end design group at Collins. Dave was my first engineering mentor and taught me much about engineering and how to innovate. I credit him with being the major influence on my engineering career.

Steve F. Russell (me) looks like a really geek nerd in this photo. We all wore pocket protectors in those days, but mine is covered up by the suit.

Darrell Hennessy worked at Collins and then left for a better job, only to return a couple of years later. I did not work with Dwell directly, but was friends with him and he was an informal member of our group. Darrell was project leader for development of the KWM 380 transceiver.